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Unitary shipments -----

**February 8.2% gain sets record;
year up 10.1% over 1986**

ARLINGTON, Va. -- U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps continued their record-breaking 1986 pace by setting new February monthly records in 1987.

Latest key trend indicators compiled by ARI for the air conditioning refrigeration, and heating industry show U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps during February:

- o totalled 311,409,
- o up 8.2% from February 1986,
- o year-to-date total 598,515,
- o up 10.1% from January-February 1986.

Heat pump shipments included in the February figures:

- o totalled 70,649,
- o up 1.1% from February 1986,
- o year-to-date total 146,568,
- o up 8.5% from January-February 1986.

February factory stocks:

- o up about 71,800 units from February 1986,
- o up 42,000 units from January.

February distributor shipments:

- o up 2% from February 1986,
- o year-to-date shipments down 2%.

February distributor inventories:

- o up some 140,500 units from February 1986,
- o up 56,200 units from January.

February U.S. dollar bookings of reciprocating liquid chillers:

- o down 27% from February 1986.
- o year-to-date down 32%.

February U.S. dollar bookings of centrifugal liquid chillers:

- o down 19% from February 1986,
- o year-to-date down 37%.

(See reverse side for Condensed Summary by Size.)

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Unitary Heating and Cooling Section's Condensed Summary by Size of United States Manufacturers' Shipments

Date FEBRUARY 1987

	SIZE BTUH (000)		UNITED STATES NUMBER OF UNITS CONDENSER-TYPE AIR OR EVAP. COOLED A	WATER COOLED B	U.S. TOTAL C	% CHG. FROM 1986
CONDENSED SUMMARY BY SIZE	Under 16.5		3644		3644	16.3-
	16.5-21.9		31358		31358	1.9-
	22-26.9		65943		65943	12.3+
	27-32.9		57534		57534	6.1+
	33-38.9		70791	43	70834	11.4+
	39-43.9		21981		21981	6.7+
	44-53.9		26514		26514	17.6+
	54-64.9		22961	81	23042	6.5+
	65-96.9		4213	67	4280	.5-
	97-134.9		2923	59	2982	9.0+
	135-184.9		1512	33	1545	7.5-
	185-249.9		633	12	645	33.0+
	250-319.9		303	20	323	8.5-
	320-379.9		220	33	253	19.3+
	380-539.9		152	31	183	7.6+
	540-639.9		120	22	142	30.3+
	640 and over		181	25	206	.5+
	TOTAL		310983	426	311409	8.2+